

SENATE BILL 1319
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37;
Title 38; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 49, relative to
gangs and juvenile delinquency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1027, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

§ 49-6-1027.

Each LEA, in consultation with local law enforcement, shall annually evaluate the threat to and influence on school children by gangs in the community. If the LEA finds that there is any threat to or influence on school children by gangs, then the LEA shall institute gang awareness education for elementary and middle school students and their parents in schools in neighborhoods with gang activity or the potential for gang activity.

The purpose of such curriculum shall be to strengthen students' abilities to resist engagement in gangs and gang-like activities and to help parents guide their children away from gangs and gang influence by providing information and understanding of gangs and gang activities. The curriculum for elementary and middle school students shall be a part of the regular curriculum of such schools. The department of education shall assist LEAs in development of curricula appropriate to each LEA's circumstances.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.